



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sunkara et al.)
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Filed: November 10, 2003) Examiner: Johnson, Edward
) Group Art Unit: 1754
Serial No: 10/705,687)
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For: BULK SYNTHESIS OF METAL AND METAL BASED)
DIELECTRIC NANOWIRES)
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Atty. Docket No. AD138/2001)

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants, by counsel, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) hereby request a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2007, which response accompanies this request. A check in payment of the extension of time petition fee is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 28, 2007,
Applicant hereby elects claim 5 for examination with traverse.

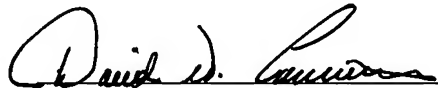
The Examiner has required restriction and election of a single disclosed species for
prosecution on the merits.

Applicant elects to prosecute claim 5 and acknowledges the Examiner's withdrawal of claims
1-4 and 6-7 from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different subclasses, the inventions are not independent and this classification by itself is an insufficient basis for requiring restriction between the claims. The substrates are all comprised of low melting metals and are so intertwined as to be essentially a single process for providing a novel method of synthesizing bulk nanowires of metal. Applicant submits that the process and products produced therefrom are linked together as one invention and that the combination of the claims are supported for the process and substrates and the one skilled in the art would search in both subclasses.

Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn with respect to claims 1-5 and 6-7, and that the claim to the process of synthesizing metal nanowires be examined as claiming one invention.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Carrithers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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